

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following paragraph:

[0006] This task is solved by a process and a device with the characteristics of the independent claims ~~Patent Claims 1 and 10~~.

Please insert the following paragraph after page 9, line 4:

Fig. 16 schematically shows a device for monitoring the free space in the direction of travel of a vehicle according to the present invention.